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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SUNDREHAGEN et al.

Serial No.: 09/417,226

Filed: October 13, 1999

For: ASSAY



Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: J. Hines

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 27, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on July 27, 2000, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee. Small Entity status has been established for this application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the title of the application and insert the following:

- -Holo-Transcobalamin II Assay- -.

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

Sub B, > 1.(Amended) An assay method for the determination of transcobalamin II bound
cobalamin in a body sample, comprising contacting a cell free sample of a body fluid
with an immobilised or immobilizable specific binding ligand for [TC II or holo TC II]
transcobalamin II (TC II) or holo-transcobalamin II (holo-TC II), separating a ligand

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